

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ron J. Vandergeest et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 12, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed April 1, 2008, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination, petition for a three month extension of time and respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.